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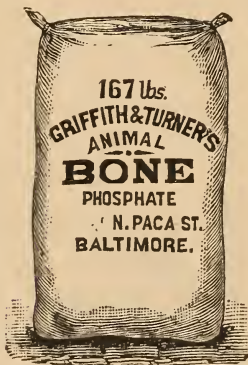
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For the Maryland Farmer.

OUR NEW FARM, VII.

BEGINNING WORK.

Early the next morning we were all astir. The wife and the daughter caring for the poultry and then seeing after the breakfast; while I went out to examine the garden patch and see what means I had towards work in that direction.

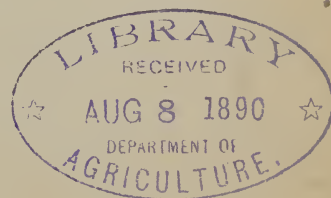
I found a small piece of ground, not much larger than a city lot, which had served in former years for the kitchen garden, and in it were a few gooseberry and currant bushes smothered in grass and an apology for a grape vine which was sprawling on the ground. Along one side of this garden was a small patch of potatoes which looked well, and also two sowings of peas—the first three or four inches high and the second just breaking the ground. Two other small beds were made, but we could not tell what they contained, although we

could trace the rows of the seed sowing.

I made up my mind that I would enlarge this garden to about an acre as it could easily be extended toward the barn and down to the orchard, giving us a piece of good garden land about 150 feet North and South and almost twice as long East and West. This would be my first work.

But after discovering that the peas and potatoes were in and perhaps some other early seed, I concluded we would go to work as our front fence as soon as Charley should come, and get that in a better shape; for I have learned that, however persons may talk against outward show, it has a very great effect upon most people.

By this time my wife came to the door and called me to breakfast, and over the table we discussed the plans of our future work. The wife and the daughter decided to continue at work putting the house in



order, to be followed by such out door recreation as they might choose; but I resolved that I would not permit any hard labor by them on the farm. They might plant seeds in the flower beds after the beds were prepared, and water the flowers if they chose; but some one else should do the real hard work. This should be the standing rule of all their out door labors. They would have the privilege of gathering any of the vegetables or fruit they might want for use in the house and the chicken department should be theirs.

The fruit and vegetable gathering for the market, even the flower gathering for market, if there should be such, should not be done by the wife and daughter. Their realm should be exclusively the home work—no other should be expected from them under any circumstances. If they chose to help at any time about anything, they would be at liberty to do so; but to begin and stop as they might choose. Perfect freedom to do or not to do. But no hard farm work should be their work.

I do not give all the talk of our breakfast table on this subject; which was interspersed with lots of happy sayings about "woman's rights," and old country field labors of the women, and much pleasant badinage and laughter. But this was the conclusion at which we arrived when the meal was ended.

Charlie and Lizzie had arrived and the minutes were not wasted after the eating. I said,

"Now, Charley, for the front fence. Do you think we can get it up to-day?"

And Charley showed a goodly row of his front teeth as he said,

"We can do some of it to-day, Mr. Green. But I can't work very fast at it to begin with."

Then I said:

"But I can, Charley. I know just what I want done and just how to do it and if

our arms do not get tired with the hammer and the saw, we will do a big piece of work before night."

This I said as we moved down towards the barn for our tools and our lumber. First we carried out the stringers, and they were 2 x 4. Some of these we nailed on the outside of the posts in the notches before arranged, which were about one foot above the ground. This was done without much delay. Then I measured up two feet six inches above these stringers and marked where the posts should be "topped"—sawed off so that we could nail the other stringers on the top.

Here we found our first delay. We only had one cross-cut saw and Charlie would use that. But before I had marked them all, I concluded I would begin nailing on the stringers on top and then begin on the pickets. For I found sawing off the tops was no small job. Then I joked Charley about putting the small ends of the posts in the ground and so making himself so much more work in sawing the tops off. This caused him to "ha! ha!" with all a darkey's heartiness of laughter.

In putting on the stringers on top of the posts. I had to interrupt Charley to saw off the ends of two of the stringers; but this gave me four lengths for my pickets and we could both work then without any further delay.

I decided to have a six inch board at the bottom of the fence; so I used a common fence board upon which to stand my pickets when nailed. I used one of the pickets to guide the distance apart and nailed them on the stringers with eight penny nails. And so we worked until dinner time.

We took a full hour for our dinner; for I don't want anyone to eat too fast or to feel hurried when eating. I believe, too, that merry, happy, cheerful talk should occupy this time, and that never a cross

word should be spoken at meal time, I don't mean, however, that we sat at the table an hour; but we allowed a full hour for the "nooning."

When I started out Charley was already down by the fence; but I had told him not to go to work until I came out. There were some old pear trees along the line of the fence so he sat in the shade on a bundle of the pickets, the picture of content.

That afternoon we put in "big licks," and when called to supper we had the fence up and the gate ready to hang; but we had forgotten to get the hinges and so could not finish the work.

At supper we talked about painting the fence and what color we should have it, or whether we should only whitewash it.

These first days were marked days and all these particulars come back fresh in my memory. It was finally decided to have a drab, similar to the color of the house, and to have it painted two coats. I decided that Charley and I would do that, for I thought we could save in that way the paying out of money; and wherever there was a chance to save, I believed in saving. Money had never been a drug in our house and we did not expect it would be in the future.

That evening after the house work was finished and my girl had given us a little music on the Piano and had sung two or three pieces, we gathered on the piazza in our rocking chairs. Charley and Lizzie were walking up the road on their way home, and we heard their loud laughter in the distance.

My wife said:

"This is real nice—I didn't suppose things would move along so pleasantly and that we should get "to-rights" so fast. I aint nigh so tired as I expected to be; but there is lots to be done yet."

And I said:

"I'm tired: for we have done a strapping day's work. The rocking chair feels comfortable."

My girl said:

"I wish Josie would come. If I had a little company, I wouldn't feel tired half as much as now."

These words had hardly been spoken when we saw Josie coming down the road, and shortly heard her droning a song to herself as she walked along. She stopped to look at the fence and nodded her head once or twice in approval. When she got to the house, the first words she said were:

"Charley made that gate there on purpose for me, don't you see?" And then she said "good evening," and began to chatter with my girl about everything relating to her own home work.

(To be continued next week.)

For The Maryland Farmer.

HONEY, EASILY OBTAINED.

As every one knows there is generally plenty of honey in woods and fields and pastures. All that is needed is the proper way to get it. Then every home may be supplied with all this delicious sweet that can be desired.

It should not be considered a very difficult thing to care for the necessary amount of bees to gather the honey on our farms, or at least a sufficient amount of it for our own use. Let us consider the work from the beginning with all really necessary cost.

The first things to get are those things to protect yourself from stings; for after all that may be said, the sting of the bee is the greatest thing among farmers which prevents the keeping of bees. A pair of rubber gloves and a bee-veil, therefore, will

meet this objection, and the cost is a comparative trifle.

The next thing to get is a modern hive with frames and sections—the cost of which will be from four to five dollars, if properly supplied with artificial foundation, or “starters.” Take a good survey of this hive and ask your nearest bee-keeper how it works? Also, how to manage the sections from time to time. You will not be forced to inquire much after it is once brought into practical operation. No need for a complicated hive—only a plain two story box hive, with frames below and honey sections above.

Then have a platform made six inches or so above the ground, in a position where the bees will not be too often visited and partially in the shade if convenient. On this place the hive.

Now you are ready for your bees. A good swarm can generally be had for five dollars, and an expert will transfer them to your hive for two dollars; and you can witness the operation in your bee-outfit in perfect security. Once transferred you have your workmen ready to gather the abundant flow of honey within a radius of two miles or so of the hive.

We have given the above as one way of commencing intelligently the keeping of bees. But there is another method which does not require as much detail, as the above; but requires a little more money.

Find some bee-keeper who will sell you a swarm of bees already at work in a modern hive. Then get a new hive of the same make and have it ready for the first new swarm. From this new hive you can gain all the information you may need of the operation of the one occupied. Such a swarm should not cost more than fifteen dollars and should be a strong first quality swarm.

The produce would be from such a swarm from fifty to one hundred pounds

of surplus honey and at least one good swarm of bees. This would be a very large interest on the investment.

To get this honey at any time, remove the top of the hive and examine the section crates and take out those sections which are filled and capped, and put in the empty place a new section with artificial “starter.”

It is a very simple process and being protected with gloves and veil, you do it without causing the least disturbance in the hive.

The detail of the care of bees will come very naturally to one who may become interested in the work; and a very little conversation with others, or reading, will soon bring the necessary practical knowledge.

We give this article, because we are well satisfied that the sweets on the farms are very generally neglected, when in reality there is no apology for this neglect which is of any real weight. If you could get from fifty to one hundred pounds of honey by employing a man at the cost of one dollar you would not hesitate. The interest on money expended for the hive of bees is less than a dollar, and you have in that swarm thousands of hands employed by you and the foundation for more colonies in the future. By all means keep bees; gather your own honey; save half your outlay for sugar; and let your family enjoy one of the best sweets which nature has provided for the gratification of the palate.

NEUFCHATEL CHEESE.

Heat, not boil, 2 quarts of sour milk, until the curd separates; then pour into a thin cotton cloth bag, and drain. When the whey stops dripping, remove the curd, mix with half a cupful of milk or cream, salt and pepper to taste, and serve. Though an easily digested relish, this cheese will not tempt the sufferer from sick headache. Ayer's Pills cures headache and all ailments originating in a disordered condition of the stomach, liver, or bowels.

BOOKS, CATALOGUES, &c.

ME & CHUMMY.—We have read this from beginning to to finale. Coyne Fletcher has given an interesting and entertaining story, full of picturesqueness of plot and character, bright thought and decided strength of diction. It begins and ends well and is full healthy sentiment. The price is only 25cts. and it will be sent by mail prepaid from this office.

At the time of General Fremont's death he was engaged upon the manuscript of a paper for *The Century's* forthcoming series on the California Gold Hunters. It was to be entitled "Finding Paths to California." The work will be promptly continued by Mrs. Fremont. A first draft of the article had been made, and she will have no trouble in completing the manuscript.

Archibald Clavering Gunter after having astonished more mature readers by his Mr. Barnes of New York, Mr. Potter of Texas, and other sensational novels, now we understand proposes to instruct and amuse the young, and has written a juvenile book, "Small Boy in Big Boots."

We are informed that it is a story of strictly American life, written on strictly American principles in contradistinction to a number of children's books that have been founded on English life and constructed strictly upon English principles. The hero of Mr. Gunter's tale, unlike Little Lord Fauntleroy, has no earl for a grandfather and no ancestors worth mentioning, consequently is compelled to make his own career for himself, which he does in a strictly business and American manner.

This story while written mainly for the young is intended also to amuse the old, as it contains a delightful little love story, and is beautifully illustrated by several prominent artists, and will be issued by the

Home Publishing Company in August.

The Magazines for August are in hand. *Harper's Monthly* is rich in all that gratifies the eye and interests the mind and heart. *The Century* continues to offer more and more attractions from men of note and from all parts of the world. *The Horticultural Art Journal* has continued to develop those beauties of fruit and flower which make it a marvelous source of pleasure.

The U. S. Department bulletins and reports are received and frequently consulted for statistics and facts at home and abroad.

The bulletins of the Experiment Stations have been received regularly, and if the farmers in each State would generally send for them, they would find them of great value.

The Second Annual Report of the Storrs School Agricultural Experiment Station, Conn., is interesting reading, and even the statistical tables are attractive, because of their clearness of statement.



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The time is drawing near for the Fairs, which are annually held in the different counties of our State, and which are generally well patronized by the people. The Baltimore County Fair, has labored under many disadvantages in the past; because it is in part considered to be dependent upon the City for its success, and is apt to take upon itself uncalled for expenses in view of that patronage. The present Board of Managers, however, while determined to have as fine a fair as has ever been held at Timonium, have cut off all extravagances and unnecessary expenses; and will give their personal labor and supervision without stint to make it in all respects a suc-

cess. Let the people give their heartiest support to this Fair and show by their earnest action that they can make it an honor to the county as well as a benefit to all concerned. This year the Stock department should especially have the attention of the Farmers. No danger need be apprehended from contagious diseases of cattle, swine or sheep. The poultry department, also, should be generously supplied with fine birds; for much pride has lately been nurtured in this vicinity as to pure bred and rare breeds. If Agricultural Implement dealers make early arrangements they will be able to secure ample room and the most favorable locality for reaching the people; but they should get together and by combined action choose the proper locality for their display; then with the co-operation of the proper officers of the Fair, the best results will follow.

Make this year's Baltimore County Fair such a success that it may be remembered and referred to in the future as a phenomenal success.

COUNTRY ROADS.

No enterprise is more to be commended than that which looks to the improvement of our country roads. That they have hitherto been neglected to a sad degree is felt by everyone who has occasion to use them. Not only is this shown during the winter and early spring, when they are at their worst; but during the whole summer they are generally rough and a trial on teams, vehicles and riders.

On this account we hail every organization which has in view the bettering of our roads. Recently such an organization has been formed in Baltimore County, north of the City limits, known as a "neighborhood association" for the general care of the district over which it extends. It comprises some of the most

preminent property holders and most influential citizens, and one of their chief purposes is the improvement of roads in localities where needed.

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Having read Mr. Moorehead's experience plating with gold, silver and nickel, I feel it my duty to inform others of my success. I sent for a plater and have more work than I can do. It is surprising the spoons, castors and jewelry, that people want plated. The first week I cleared \$37.10, and in three weeks \$119.85, and my wife has made about as I have. By addressing W. H. Griffith & Co., Zanesville, Ohio, you can get circulars. A Plater only costs \$3.00 You can learn to use it in an hour. Can plate large or small articles, and can make money anywhere. I now have a nice home and bank account, all the product of \$3.00 invested in a Plater.

S. S. NORTON.

SMALL FRUITS.

The past season has shown that the small fruits are one of the best crops. Those who have had them, have been able to realize good prices and could not possibly glut the market. Among them no better crop was to be found than currants. Large uniform bunches of Cherry or Fay currants in quart boxes easily brought 15 cents a box at retail.

WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

SUMMER NOVELTIES IN BONNETS, HATS, PARASOLS AND GOWNS.

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A FLORAL TOQUE.

The toque shown in our cut and designed for a young lady consists of a diadem of fancy straw, through the center of which winds a wreath of velvet pansies that taper toward the back, while the larger specimens are arranged as an aigrette in front. In this model the crown is dispensed with. The purpose of these crownless affairs is twofold; rendering the toque light and airy and disclosing the luxuriant and elaborate coiffure of the wearer.

Some of the sailor hats have two bands of inch wide velvet connected with a bow at one side.

Sun Umbrellas.

The sun umbrella, or, as the French say, the *en tous cas*, is in danger of being displaced by the parasol. This is a pity. The former is the most useful article, as it serves a double purpose. Chiffon and crepe and other flimsy stuffs of gossamer lightness are the materials run on for para-

sols. Some of the most gorgeous are flounced all the way up. Artificial flowers ornament the handles. These are rooted to the stick itself, and don't get out of order by the heat or pressure of the hand. Some of the newest parasols are entirely veiled with butterfly net. They are wonderfully pretty.

A yellow silk parasol veiled with white net was charming. So was another in red veiled with black. The pattern of the net is rather more pronounced in black than in any other shade. The parasol is certainly the most elegant and important adjunct to the toilet just now. Plain additions are being trimmed with lace and bebe ribbon. A black sunshade seen was ornamented with a very thick ruche of bebe ribbon. For morning wear there are spotted sun-



PARASOL AND SUNSHADE HANDLES.

shades. The handles are simply ornamented by a bow. A cotton robe is now accompanied by a sunshade made of the same material.

The shot silk parasols are fashionable, and have bows of pinked shot silk tied round the handles. Some parasols are plain, others frilled. Many of the new parasols have the deep pointed guipure, sewn round the edge, with the points directed toward the center. Clusters of large colored pompons attached to silk cord adorn the handles of *en tous cas*. Perhaps the most delicate of all parasols are those of striped gauze with tinsel threads skimming the surface and a rosette at the top like a large powderpuff, surrounded by loops of baby ribbon and very narrow gold braid, or those of floss silk embroidered gauze, arranged in rows round and round, with deep points overlapping each other. The sticks of these are in ivory or light wood.

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Dresses for Midsummer Wear.

Thick white dresses of heavy linen or duck are in fashion, these materials being suited to the plain style of skirts now worn. Some of narrow striped washing materials have a brocade in white or some solid color thrown upon them. Plaids have found their way to the thicker kinds of washing dresses. Crepe ground cloths have darker bell flowers, and are quite new, wash well, and are not difficult to make. The skirts are plain. Many of them are full, without any foundation. Some have tucks, others rows of inch wide ribbon or velvet sewn all round. A few are made with kilts, but as a rule the fronts and backs are plain.

The deep pointed guipure is much used as trimming, and it is turned outward from around the armhole downward from the throat in a yoke, or upward from the front of the waist. A pretty way is to place it around the sleeves, half way between elbow and shoulder or rather higher, turn the points upward and draw the fullness of the material from between each point. This guipure is sometimes put on slanting upward toward the back of the arm. An eccentric style of sleeve is full, but looks as if it was allowed to fall from the armhole instead of being sewn to it, and the space filled up with fancy silk pushed through and drawn up to form a puff. Bangles of narrow velvet about half an inch wide, three or four in number, allowed to fall looser than the tight fitting sleeve and joined at the inner side of it by a dainty little bow are novel. The dressmakers are trying to make the day gowns not only touch but trail on the ground an inch or two, but at present women are averse to it as opposed to cleanliness and durability.

Vegetable Courtship.

A potato went out on a mash,
And sought an onion bed;
"That's pie for me," observed the squash,
And all the beets turned red;
"Go away," the onion weeping cried,
"Your love I cannot be;
The pumpkin is your lawful bride,
You cantaloupe with me."

But onward still the tuber came,
And laid down at her feet;
"You cauliflower by any name
And it will smell as wheat;
And I, too, as an early rose,
And you I've come to see,
So don't turnip your lovely nose,
But spinach at with me."

"Ah, spare me a cress," the tuber prayed;
"My cherry-ished bride you'll be;
You are the only weeping maid
That's currant now with me."
And as the wily tuber spoke
He grasped the bashful prize,
And giving her an artichoke,
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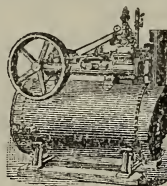
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The bugs known as bean weevil and pea weevil closely resemble each other, and their preventives and remedies therefore are the same.

The life history of these beetles are quickly told. The adult beetle illustrated in the cut at a deposits eggs on the vegetable pods early in summer. These eggs hatch into grubs or larvæ that make their way to the young beans or peas, as the case may be, where they continue feeding until full grown as larvæ. They



INFESTED BEAN.

ADULT BEETLE.

then turn to the third stage of their existence, called pupæ, in which condition they remain two or three weeks, when they again change to the adult or beetle condition. Several of the insects infest a single bean, as shown.

It is claimed that coal ashes or sand saturated with phenyl and sown with the beans or peas will prevent attacks from the weevils. Remedies suggested by Professor Bailey and others are as follows: As soon as the matured beans or peas are picked, and while the grubs are only partially grown, subject the peas to a temperature of 145 degs. for an hour. The seed will not be injured. Or the ripe beans and peas may be confined in some tight receptacle and a little bisulphide of carbon added. The beetle shown in the cut is greatly magnified; its true size is given in the small figure at c.

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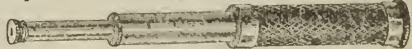
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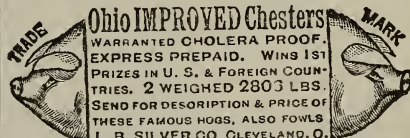
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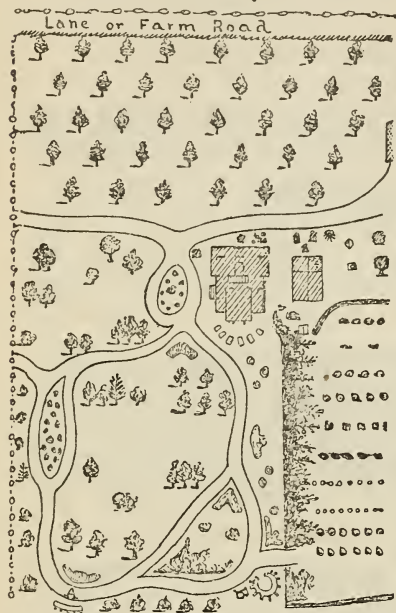
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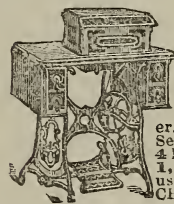
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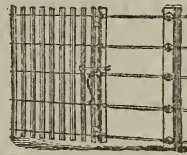


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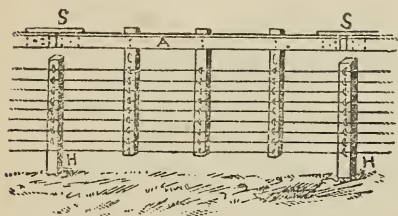
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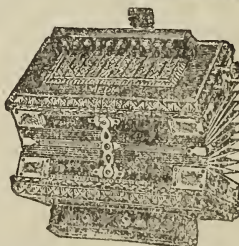
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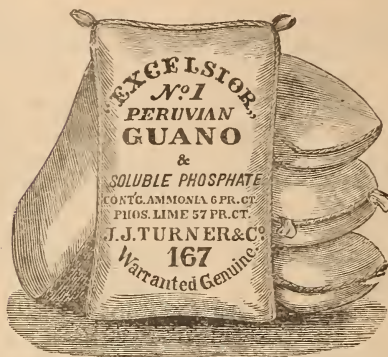
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